

REMARKS

Applicant affirms the election of claims 1-3. By this amendment claims 3 and 4 are cancelled without prejudice to their assertion in divisional applications.

An appropriate petition for entry of cross reference data has been submitted.

Reconsideration of the requirement for amendments to the drawings is respectfully requested. It is submitted that the decant ring is correctly labeled in figure 2. Further, it is believed that the subject matter of claims 1 and 2 is adequately described in the present drawings. Applicants would certainly cooperate in development of a new figure if the office could identify an area of concern or an element that should be illustrated more clearly.

Reconsideration of the objections to the specification is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments to the specification.

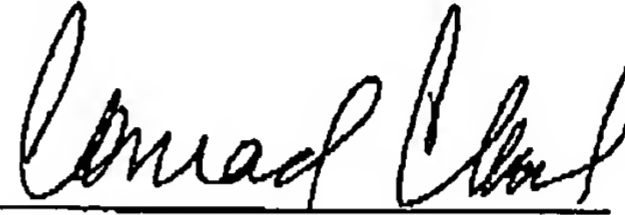
Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1 and 2 as unpatentable over the cited prior art is respectfully requested. All of the references relied on by the examiner teach centrifuges that are of decidedly different construction than the claimed invention. That is, all of the references show a system where the vibration absorbing elements are located near the motor and at some distance from the rotor. In contrast, the invention locates the vibration isolating elements near the rotor.

Claim 1 recites the relationship specifically as an alignment of the forces applied by the rotor and resistance forces applied by the isolator. None of the references of record shows or suggests such structure.

Accordingly, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication thereof is respectfully requested.

All necessary extensions of time are hereby requested. Please charge any deficiency and credit any excess to deposit account 50-1088.

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